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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1 (currently amended): A locking device comprising:

first and second end pieces formed together via a forming process, said second end piece being joined to said first end piece via at least one frangible element; and

a substantially rigid locking member, wherein said first end piece being is attached to one end of said locking member and a locking portion of said locking member extending extends from said first end piece along a first axis of said first end piece, and wherein said second end piece is configured to receive said locking portion of said locking member along a second axis of said second end piece;

wherein said first and second axes are not aligned with one another when said first and second end pieces are joined via said at least one frangible element, said frangible element limiting relative movement of said first and second end pieces to preclude alignment of said first and second axes when said first and second pieces are joined via said at least one frangible element; and

wherein said second end piece being is separable from said first end piece via breaking said at least one frangible element, and wherein, when said at least one frangible element is broken and said first and second end pieces are separated, said first and second axes are alignable so that said second end piece being configured to receive the other end receives said locking portion of said locking member when separated from said first end piece to lock said locking device to an object.

2 (original): The locking device of claim 1, wherein said first and second end pieces are molded together, said at least one frangible element comprising interconnected portions of said first and second end pieces.

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3 (original): The locking device of claim 2, wherein said first end piece is molded around said end of said locking member.

4 (currently amended): The locking device of claim 3, wherein said second end piece is molded around a locking element that is configured to receive and secure to ~~the other end~~ said locking portion of said locking member.

5 (original): The locking device of claim 1, wherein said first and second end pieces are formed with a surface thereon for forming indicia to identify respective pairs of first and second end pieces.

6 (original): The locking device of claim 5, wherein said surface comprises a substantially planar surface for printing or applying indicia thereon.

7 (original): The locking device of claim 6, wherein said surface comprises a roughened surface for printing or applying indicia thereon.

8 (original): The locking device of claim 1, wherein multiple locking devices are formed together, each of said locking devices comprising first and second end pieces joined via at least one frangible element, and a substantially rigid locking member extending from said first end piece.

9 (original): The locking device of claim 1, wherein at least one of said first and second end pieces includes an identification element for identifying said at least one of said first and second end pieces of said locking device.

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10 (original): The locking device of claim 9, wherein said identification element comprises a radio frequency identification chip.

11 (original): The locking device of claim 1, wherein said first and second end pieces include first and second tabs extending therefrom, said tabs being configured to receive a secondary seal therethrough to provide a tamper indicating function to said locking device when said end pieces are connected together by said locking member.

12-20 (canceled).

21 (currently amended): A series of locking devices comprising:

a series of pairs of end pieces formed together via a forming process, each of said pairs of end pieces comprising first and second end pieces joined together via at least one first frangible portion between said first and second end pieces, said first or second end piece of one pair of said series being joined to said first or second end piece of another pair of said series via at least one second frangible portion between said pairs of end pieces;

a plurality of substantially rigid metallic locking members, wherein said first end pieces are formed at least partially around an end portion of ~~attached to~~ respective ones of said first end pieces ~~metallic locking members and wherein a locking portion of said metallic locking member extends from said respective first end pieces extending therefrom;~~ and

wherein said pair of first and second end pieces and said respective metallic locking member comprise a locking device, and wherein each of said locking devices being is separable from said series via breaking of said at least one second frangible portion between ~~said respective~~ pairs of end pieces; and

wherein said second end piece of said a separated locking device being is separable from said first end piece of the separated locking device via breaking of a respective first frangible portion and wherein said second end piece is and being configured to attach to ~~the other end said~~ locking portion of said metallic locking member when said first and second end pieces are

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separated and when said metallic locking member is inserted through an object to lock said locking device to the object.

22 (currently amended): The series of locking devices of claim 21, wherein said ends of said metallic locking members are insert molded within said respective first end pieces.

23 (currently amended): The series of locking devices of claim 21, wherein said first and second end pieces are formed together via a molding process that forms said first and second end pieces and said first and second frangible portions and that forms said first end pieces at least partially over said ends of said locking members.

24 (original): The series of locking devices of claim 21, wherein said first and second end pieces are formed with a surface thereon for forming indicia to identify respective pairs of first and second end pieces.

25 (original): The series of locking devices of claim 24, wherein said surface comprises a substantially planar surface for printing or applying indicia thereon.

26 (original): The series of locking devices of claim 24, wherein said surface comprises a roughened surface for printing or applying indicia thereon.

27 (currently amended): The series of locking devices of claim 21, wherein said first and second end pieces of each pair of end pieces include first and second tabs extending therefrom, said tabs being configured to receive a secondary seal therethrough to provide a tamper indicating function to said locking devices when said end pieces are connected together by said metallic locking members.

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28 (original): The series of locking devices of claim 27, wherein one of said first and second frangible portions is between said first and second tabs.

29 (original): The series of locking devices of claim 21, wherein at least one of said first and second end pieces includes an identification element for identifying said at least one of said first and second end pieces of a respective one of said locking devices.

30 (original): The series of locking devices of claim 29, wherein said identification element comprises a radio frequency identification chip.

31 (new): The series of locking devices of claim 21, wherein said locking portion of said metallic locking member of each locking device extends from a respective first end piece along a first axis of said respective first end piece and wherein a respective second end piece is configured to receive said locking portion of said metallic locking member along a second axis of said respective second end piece, and wherein said first and second axes of each of said locking devices are not aligned with one another when said first and second end pieces are joined via said at least one first frangible element, said at least one first frangible element limiting relative movement of said respective first and second end pieces to preclude alignment of said first and second axes when said respective first and second pieces are joined via said at least one first frangible element.

32 (new): The locking device of claim 31, wherein, when said at least one first frangible element is broken and said first and second end pieces of a respective locking device are separated, said first and second axes are alignable so that said second end piece receives said locking portion of said metallic locking member to lock said locking device to an object.

33 (new): A locking device comprising:

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first and second end pieces formed together via a forming process, said second end piece being joined to said first end piece via at least one frangible element that is integrally formed with said first and second end pieces; and

a substantially rigid metallic locking member, wherein said first end piece is formed over an end of said metallic locking member with a locking portion of said metallic locking member extending from said first end piece;

a receiving element, wherein said second end piece is formed at least partially over said receiving element, wherein said second end piece and said receiving element are configured to receive said locking portion of said metallic locking member; and

wherein said second end piece is separable from said first end piece via breaking said at least one frangible element, and wherein, when said at least one frangible element is broken, said second end piece is positionable to receive said locking portion of said locking member therein to lock said locking device to an object.

34 (new): The locking device of claim 33, wherein said locking portion of said metallic locking member extends from said first end piece along a first axis of said first end piece and said second end piece is configured to receive said locking portion of said metallic locking member along a second axis of said second end piece, and wherein said first and second axes are not aligned with one another when said first and second end pieces are joined via said at least one frangible element, said frangible element limiting relative movement of said first and second end pieces to preclude alignment of said first and second axes when said first and second pieces are joined via said at least one frangible element.

35 (new): The locking device of claim 34, wherein, when said at least one frangible element is broken and said first and second end pieces are separated, said first and second axes are alignable so that said second end piece receives said locking portion of said metallic locking member to lock said locking device to an object.

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36 (new): The locking device of claim 33, wherein said first and second end pieces are molded together, said at least one frangible element comprising at least one interconnected portion of said first and second end pieces.

37 (new): The locking device of claim 34, wherein said first end piece is molded at least partially around said end of said locking member and wherein said second end piece is molded at least partially around said receiving element.

38 (new): The locking device of claim 37, wherein said end of said metallic locking member is configured to limit longitudinal movement of said metallic locking member relative to said first end piece when said first end piece is molded over said end of said metallic locking member.